

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and further and favorable consideration of the subject application are respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

By the present amendment, the drawings have been amended to include the phrase "prior art" in Figs. 3 and 5-7 as requested in the *Ex parte Quayle* action.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

It is noted that two Information Disclosure Statements were filed in the subject application, on September 21, 2001 and August 23, 2002. The Office Action did not include initialed copies of the Forms 1449, or otherwise confirm that the cited references have been considered. It is respectfully requested that the next communication from the Patent and Trademark Office include an indication that the references have been considered.

If there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,
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